

**February 6, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
McFarland American Legion Post 534**

The 709th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the January 2025 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the January 2025 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer George presented the January 2025 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions on the presented Income and Expense Report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the January 2025 Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Membership Report:

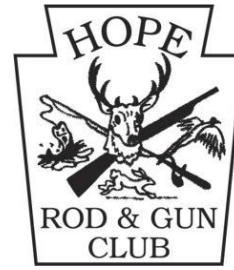
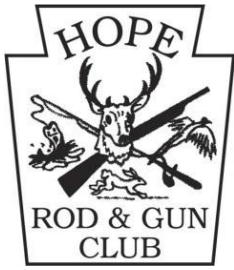
Secretary Mann reported that club membership is at full capacity of 350 members. New membership applications received will be put on the 2025 waiting list.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

Building / Grounds:

- Discussed lead reclamation from pistol range will be done in April. Reach out to Tom N. as he built the machine.
- The property to the east of the club is having more discussions regarding the amount of semi traffic that would be on Siggelkow Road. They are working with the village of McFarland on this issue. No Update.
- We received a quote from Capital Security for installing and maintaining key cards. The quote was around \$20k. We will be contacting additional vendors. No update.



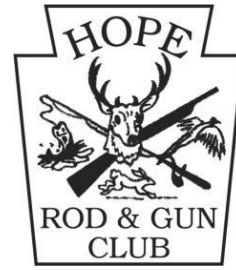
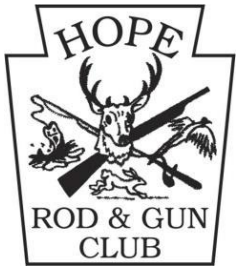
- Continued discussing fencing in the entire gun club for safety reasons. More discussions will follow. No update.
- Looking into a DNR grant for installing a fence around the club. President Deese will be looking into the annual hours we are open to the public. No update.

Old Business:

- Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online. No update.
- Discussed researching a five stand for trap range. Will ask for volunteers when we are ready to discuss further. No Update.
- Dave Murray has designed the new trap scoring benches. Reviewing design and associated costs.
- Club donated \$100 to both Agrace and the McFarland American Legion on behalf of Russ Jenkins.
- President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway. No Update.
- Discussed a new award for person(s) that volunteers the most during the year. No update.
- Dave Murray discussed holding a Russ Jenkins chicken shoot and cookout at the club this summer. Further details to be discussed. No Update.
- Discussed holding a raffle this year when we receive our non-profit status. No Update.
- Discussed getting new lights on the trap field. This will be discussed during the next Board meeting.
- Heater in the pistol range has been replaced. Completed.

New business:

- John Basco has resigned effective January 31st. He was the Bar Manger and 2nd Vice President. Anyone interested in either position or have any questions, please send an email to hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com
- Discussed getting new lights on the trap field. This will be discussed during the next Board meeting.
- Decided to hold a Board and Shooting Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 12th at the McFarland Legion Hall at 6pm (Board) and 7pm (Shooting Committee). Secretary Mann will send an email to all members regarding these meetings.
- Two volunteers came forward to get our club Facebook account up-to-date.



Archery

- No Update.

Trap League

- Discussed having the Clay Buster's keep score for the trap leagues and help with spring cleanup. Plan to discuss with the Clay Busters.
- Discussed getting new speakers or replacing them with clip-on microphones this year as the current speakers are over five years old. No Update.
- Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules. No Update.

Sunday Open Public Shooting

- Closed for the winter.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, June 7th – black powder skeet tournament from 9 am – 4 pm.
(Rifle, Skeet and Black powder ranges closed for this event)
- Sunday, October 5th – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9 am - 4 pm

50/50 Raffle: Eric Amlie won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.